

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS****1-12. (Canceled)**

**13. (Previously Presented)** A copyright protective device for encrypting or decrypting a content, said copyright protective device comprising:

key generation means for generating a key with which to apply cryptographic processing to the content and outputting a notification signal which indicates whether key generation is being performed or not, and

cryptographic processing means, to which a content containing identification information indicating whether or not to perform cryptographic processing is inputted, for applying cryptographic processing to the content in accordance with the identification information by using the key, and for outputting a result of the cryptographic processing,

wherein the cryptographic processing means restrains the result of the cryptographic processing from being outputted when the notification signal indicates that key generation is being performed.

**14. (Previously Presented)** A copyright protective device for encrypting or decrypting a content, said copyright protective device comprising:

key generation means for generating a key with which to apply cryptographic processing to the content and outputting a notification signal which indicates whether key generation is being performed or not,

cryptographic processing means, to which a content containing an identification signal indicating whether or not to perform cryptographic processing is inputted, for applying cryptographic processing to the content in accordance with the identification signal by using the key, and for outputting a result of the cryptographic processing, and

selection means for selecting a content which is inputted to the cryptographic processing means when the notification signal indicates that key generation is being performed, and otherwise selecting the result of the cryptographic processing outputted from the cryptographic processing means.

**15. (Currently Amended)** A copyright protective device for encrypting or decrypting a content, said copyright protective device comprising:

key generation means for generating a key with which to apply cryptographic processing to the content and outputting a notification signal which indicates whether key generation is being performed or not; [[,]]

input means, to which a content containing an identification signal indicating whether or not to perform cryptographic processing is inputted, for controlling outputting of the inputted content; and

cryptographic processing means means, to which a content containing an identification signal indicating whether or not to perform cryptographic processing is inputted, for applying cryptographic processing to the content outputted from the input means in accordance with the identification signal by using the key, and for outputting a result of the cryptographic processing,

wherein the cryptographic processing means outputs to the input means an input enable signal indicating either one of an input enabled state in which inputting of the content from the input means is enabled and an input disabled state in which inputting of the content from the input means is disabled.

wherein, when the notification signal indicates that key generation is being performed, the cryptographic processing means ~~switches an~~ outputs to the input means the input enable signal for controlling inputting of contents to an indicating the input disabled state, and

wherein the input means disables outputting of the inputted content when the input enable signal indicates the input disabled state.

16. (Currently Amended) A copyright protective device for encrypting or decrypting a content, said copyright protective device comprising:

key generation means for generating a key with which to apply cryptographic processing to the content; [[,]]

input means, to which a content containing an identification signal indicating whether or not to perform cryptographic processing is inputted, for controlling outputting of the inputted content; and

cryptographic processing means ~~means, to which a content containing an identification signal indicating whether or not to perform cryptographic processing is inputted,~~ for applying cryptographic processing to the content outputted from the input means in accordance with the identification signal by using the key, and for outputting a result of the cryptographic processing,

wherein the key generation means outputs to the input means an input enable signal indicating either one of an input enabled state in which inputting of the content to the cryptographic processing means is enabled and an input disabled state in which inputting of the content to the cryptographic processing means is disabled.

wherein, when key generation is being performed, the key generation means switches an outputs to the input means the input enable signal for controlling inputting of contents to an indicating the input disabled state, and

wherein the input means disables outputting of the inputted content when the input enable signal indicates the input disabled state.

**17-19. (Canceled)**